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Order of Battle

1. 304 Division

- a. The 9 Regiment, at Phu Quang, Thanh Hoa Province, on 2 November¹ 1951 moved to Cho Sen (106-41, 20-57) on 5 November and to Doi Thung (105-32, 20-13) on 7 November.
- b. The 57 Regiment remained at Kim Tan.
- c. The 66 Regiment moved from Phu Nho Quan to Nga Son (105-58, 20-00) on 7 November.

2. 306 Division. The 42 Regiment has moved from the vicinity of Phu Nho Quan to the Nam Dinh area.

308 Division. Elements of this division, disposed between Thai Nguyen and Bac Kan on 2 November, are moving in the general direction of Tam Dao and are currently in the vicinity of Phan Luong (105-19, 21-30).

3. 312 Division. Division headquarters are at Thanh Coc.

- a. The 141 Regiment, at Thanh Son on 5 November, was at Ba Vi (105-21, 21-04) mountain on 7 November.
- b. The 165 Regiment, southwest of Yen Bay on 2 November, was at Thanh Ba (105-05, 21-28) on 5 November.
- c. The 209 Regiment, in the Thuong Khe (105-06, 21-41) area on 2 November, was at Lam Thao (105-17, 21-19) on 5 November. Elements of the Regiment had moved to this area from Thai Nguyen and Bac Kan.²
- d. The 148 Regiment moved south from Binh Lu to Yen My, near Phu Tho on 5 November.

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4. 316 Division. The 98, 174 and 176 Regiments were north and northwest of Phu Lang Thuong on 2 November.

5. 320 Division.

- a. The 48 Regiment, at Bay Che on 5 November, moved to Chi Phuong (105-42, 20-17) on 7 November.
- b. The 52 Regiment, at Chi Ne on 5 November, moved to Xich Tho (105-46, 20-25) on 7 November.
- c. The 65 Regiment, at Doi Bu on 5 November, moved to Ba Tha (105-48, 20-43) on 7 November.

Units of the 320 Division now participating in the skirmish northwest of Phu Ly, between Xuan Mai (105-34, 20-53) and Phu Ly, include the 122, 136 and 138 Battalions of the 48 Regiment and the 337 and 351 Battalions of the 52 Regiment, assisted by local units. Reserve units include the 391 Battalion of the 52 Regiment, the 706, 738 and 722 Battalions of the 64 Regiment and the 648 Battalion of the 42 Regiment.

6. Recruitment of able-bodied men, usually a prelude to the launching of DRV attacks, has begun in Son Tay, Hadong, Ha Nam and Nam Dinh provinces.

Hanoi Front Meeting

7. All DRV section chiefs³ in Hanoi, from platoon level up, have been ordered to return to Hanoi from distances of 5 to 30 miles outside the city.⁴

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1. Comment. the disposition of DRV units on 2 November.

25X1A 2. Comment. The 164 and 166 Battalions were reported at Cho Moi and Son Duong on 2 November. 25X1A

25X1A 3. Comment. Presumably action sections.

25X1A 4. Comment. This summons possibly indicates the DRV plans a wave of violence inside Hanoi to be coordinated with attacks by regular forces throughout the delta. Such attacks appear likely in view of the abnormal disposition of regular units at present.

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